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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S UN SEC GEN ASPIRATIONS

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1. REFTEL WAS A BIOGRAPHIC REPORT ON PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA ALVAREZ FOCUSED UPON HIS THEN-FLOURISHING CAMPAIGN TO REPLACE UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM UPON EXPIRATION OF THE LATTER'S TERM. SINCE REFTEL (AUGUST 1975), ECHEVERRIA'S CAMPAIGN HAS FALTERED AND HIS

PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT HAVE IN RECENT MONTHS REFLECTED PESSIMISM AS TO HIS CHANCES AT SUCCEEDING WALDHEIM. THERE HAVE LONG BEEN RUMORS THAT, UNLESS ECHEVERRIA ATTAINED SOME HIGH POSITION IN AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, HE WOULD BECOME RECTOR OF THE THIRD WORLD UNIVERSITY(STILL IN PROCESS OF ORGANIZATION) IN MEXICO CITY. IT IS PERHAPS SIGNIFICANT IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THERE WERE REFERENCES TO THE THIRD WORLD UNIVERSITY--AT GOM INSISTENCE--IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF THE RECENT VISIT OF CANADA'S TRUDEAU.

2. DESPITE THE FOREGOING, THE EMBASSY IS FAR FROM PERSUADED THAT ECHEVERRIA HAS ABANDONED HIS UN ASPIRATIONS. TWO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS MAY HAVE BREATHED NEW LIFE INTO SUCH HOPES. FIRST, ECHEVERRIA'S NAME HAS AGAIN SURFACED AS CANDIDATE FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, NOMINATED ON THIS OCCASION BY SENATOR MANSFIELD

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AND CONGRESSMAN HAWKINS. THE DISTINCTION OF THAT HONOR, IF IN FACT

BESTOWED UPON ECHEVERRIA, WOULD SEEM TO ENHANCE HIS CHANGES FOR THE UN SECGEN POSITION. SECOND, PRESS REPORTS PUBLISHED HERE (REUTERS-LATIN) QUOTE SECGEN WALDHEIM IN CANBERRA AS DETERMINED NOT TO STAND FOR RE-ELECTION.

3. THE EMBASSY NEED NOT BELABOR THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY CONSIDERATION OF USG OPTIONS AND TACTICS ON AN ECHEVERRIA CANDIDACY FOR SECGEN. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, SHOULD THE USG PREFER ANOTHER CANDIDATE THAN ECHEVERRIA, IN DETERMINING THE MODALITIES OF SUPPORTING AN ALTERNATE CANDIDATE WITHOUT GIVING GRIEVOUS OFFENSE TO ECHEVERRIA, MEXICO, AND PERHAPS LATIN AMERICA IN GENERAL.
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